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May 06, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

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| ATSU AGBETO,      | § |                            |
| A# 221082468,     | § |                            |
| Petitioner,       | § |                            |
|                   | § |                            |
| VS.               | § | CIVIL ACTION NO. H-25-1925 |
|                   | § |                            |
| ROBERT LACY, JR., | § |                            |
|                   | § |                            |
| Respondent.       | § |                            |

ORDER TO ANSWER

The petitioner, Atsu Agbeto (A# 221082468), is presently in custody of the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") officials at the Core Civic Processing Center in Houston, Texas. He has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, challenging his continued detention. Preliminary examination of the petition indicates that an answer is needed. Accordingly, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, *et seq.*, the Court ORDERS as follows:

1. The petitioner's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Doc. No. 2) is GRANTED.
2. The Clerk shall deliver copies of the Petition (Doc. No. 1) and this order to: (1) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, Nicholas J. Ganjei, by certified mail return receipt requested to the Civil Process Clerk,

United States Attorney's Office, 1000 Louisiana St., Suite 2300, Houston, TX 77002, and by electronic mail to USATXS.CivilNotice@usdoj.gov; (2) the United States Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001; and (3) Warden Robert Lacy, Jr., Core Civic Processing Center, 15850 Export Plaza Drive, Houston, Texas 77032.

3. Respondent(s) shall file an answer or other appropriate responsive pleadings within sixty (60) days after the date of service and to forward a copy of same to petitioner. The respondent is advised that under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(d), if matters outside the pleadings are relied upon, the respondents' motion will be treated as a motion for summary judgment and should be entitled as such.
4. In addition to any defense (in law or fact) to a claim for relief by the petitioner, the respondent's answer shall contain: (a) a statement of the authority by which the petitioner is held and, if held under the judgment of a court or administrative tribunal, the name of such court or tribunal and the number and style of the case(s) in which those judgments were entered; and (b) a statement as to whether the petitioner has exhausted all available administrative remedies.

5. The petitioner shall file a response within thirty (30) days to any dispositive motion filed by the respondent. The petitioner's failure to file a response within thirty days shall result in dismissal of this action for want of prosecution pursuant to Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
6. Each party shall serve the other party, or counsel, with a copy of every pleading, letter or other document submitted for consideration by the court; service shall be by mail to the other party. Every pleading or document filed with the Clerk of Court shall contain a signed certificate stating the date a true and correct copy of the pleading or document was mailed and to whom mailed. Any pleading or other document received by the Clerk which fails to include the certificate of service will be returned to the submitting party. Failure to mail a copy of the pleadings as certified by the certificate will subject the petitioner to sanctions by the court. There will be no direct communications with the U.S. District Judge or Magistrate Judge. Communications must be submitted to the Clerk with copies to the other party.
7. The petitioner must notify the court of any change of address by filing a written notice of change of address with the Clerk. The petitioner must also notify any counsel of record

for the respondent. Failure to provide such notice may result in this case being dismissed for want of prosecution.

The Clerk will enter this Order, providing a correct copy to all parties of record.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, on this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of May, 2025.



EWING WERLEIN, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE